

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, July 28, 2016 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Floyd, RN
Amy Hooper, LPN
Kellie Lockwood, RN, MSN, Vice President
Merry Fort, RN

STAFF PRESENT

Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Andrew Turnage, Executive Director, Trades 2

Lockwood called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2016.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fort moved, Hooper seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, July 28, 2016 Lockwood declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Floyd moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

LPNI160379 – Close the case.

RNI161163 – Close the case.

RNI160221 – Write the applicant a letter requesting outpatient mental physical examination as a condition of the Board’s consideration of the reinstatement application. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI170012 – Write the applicant a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination performed by a Board approved evaluator as a condition of the Board’s consideration of the reinstatement application. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI150124 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a hearing or public consent agreement for reinstatement to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, substance use stipulations, quarterly reports (aftercare, employer, personal), weekly drug screens for six (6) months then resume quarterly, and a nursing education course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

LPNI160376 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

RNI161121 – Close the case.

RNI160946 – Close the case.

LPNI160355 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI161070 – Close the case.

RNI160416 – Rescind the previous action from May 13-15, 2016. Refer to the Attorney General's office to include new complaint for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI160795 – Refer to Legal Services for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. May offer voluntary surrender if respondent does not want to work in nursing at this time.

RNI160199 – Close the case.

LPNI160361 – Close the case.

RNI161217 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct and Patient Safety).

RNI170004 – Deny the application. May reapply after completion of Connecticut monitoring program and completion of an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within thirty days. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI130405 – Refer to Legal Services for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160643 – Allow for early termination of consent order.

LPNI170002 – License by endorsement with a Letter of Concern (Criminal).

LPNI160373 – Close the case.

LPNI160392 – The Board requested an Investigative Interview.

RNI130217 – Allow for early termination of consent order.

RNI140410 – Close the case with Letter of Concern (Alcohol).

LPNI150552 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. May petition to lift upon completion of an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of petition and successful completion of treatment program. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI160230 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. May petition to lift upon completion of an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of petition and successful completion of treatment program. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI150748 – Table until September 7-9, 2016 full Board meeting.

RNI150833 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. May petition to lift upon completion of an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of petition and successful completion of treatment program. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI140650 – The Board approved to lift the narcotic restrictions.

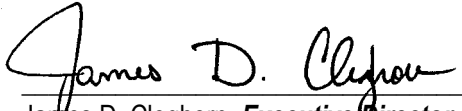
RNI160702 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, substance use stipulations, quarterly reports (aftercare, employer, personal, psychotherapy), course in

Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct. Licensee must submit monthly medication monitoring reports by a board certified addictionologist for six (6) months then quarterly reports thereafter.

RNI130209 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or public consent agreement to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, substance use stipulations, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, personal), course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Licensee may not work overtime.

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 5:02 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**